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For: METHOD OF STRETCHING SINGLE-)
STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID,)
SINGLE-STRANDED NUCLEIC ACID)
STRETCHING SYSTEM AND DNA)
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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 6-038758 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 8-322569 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

3. WO 2004/018663

An English-language abstract of the documents are enclosed.

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